“One Coin, One History – The 1900 Rupee”

The historical object I have chosen for my collection is an old **silver one-rupee coin**. This coin is a special part of my family collection because it has been passed down through generations. The year 1900 is visible on the coin, which makes it approximately 126 years old in 2026. The coin has a portrait of Queen Victoria on one side, with the words “**VICTORIA EMPRESS**”. It has a diameter of approximately **30 mm** and weighs around **11.66** grams. The coin has detailed designs and lettering on both sides, which makes it different from the coins we use today.

This coin came into my family through my grandfather. He gave it to my father, and later my father gave it to me when I was 19 years old. I do not know exactly where my grandfather originally got the coin, but its journey through my family makes it very meaningful to me.

I preserve the coin in a small box to keep it safe from getting lost or damaged. I handle it carefully because it is an old object. I want to preserve its original condition as much as possible.

This coin is important to me because it represents Indian history as well as my family history. As an object from 1900, it gives me a connection to an earlier period of India. At the same time, it reminds me of my grandfather and father, who kept and passed down this coin in our family.

The coin also makes me curious about the people, places and time connected with it. For me, its importance is not only because of its age or material, but because of the memories and history attached to it.

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